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IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 28th June, 1955

SUBJECT:—*Rail & Dock strikes in the U.K.—Extension in the period of validity of import licences.*

No. 37-I.T.C. (P.N.)/55.—It has been brought to notice that there were Dockyard and Rail strikes in the U.K. which commenced on 23rd May and 28th May 1955 respectively. As a result thereof, there have been cases of delays of shipments.

2. This matter has been considered and it has been decided that all import licences, the effective period of validity of which (after taking into account the 15 days' grace period and the concession provided for in paragraph 71 of the current Red Book), expired or expires during the currency of the Dockyard and/or Rail strikes in the U.K., will be automatically extended to cover shipments made upto 15th August 1955. This concession would be applicable only to import licences which, after taking into account the 15 days' grace period, expired on 15th June 1955 or thereafter.

3. No formal revalidation of the licences would be necessary. The Customs Authorities will allow clearance of goods against the import licences provided the importers produce a certificate from their foreign suppliers/shippers to the effect that the goods in question would have been shipped during the period of original validity of the licence but for these strikes in the U.K.

4. It may please be noted that:

- (i) no further period of grace after 15th August 1955 will be allowed in the case of such shipments, and
- (ii) no fresh Letters of Credit will be allowed to be opened during this period of extension in the validity of licences but Letters of Credit which have already been opened against these licences and have expired during this period can be renewed or extended.

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